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FOR THE AMBASSADOR

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SUBJECT: GOALS AND OBJECTIVES FOR AMBASSADORS

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1. FOLLOWING IS DRAFT LIST OF SPECIFIC GOALS AND OBJECTIVES FOR THE GUIDANCE OF YOUR MISSION. YOUR COMMENTS ARE REQUESTED BY C.O.B. SEPTEMBER 14. DUE TO RESTRICTIONS OF FORMAT, FINAL LIST SHOULD BE NO LONGER THAN PROPOSED DRAFT.

2. GOALS AND OBJECTIVES FOR AMBASSADOR -- DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

A. PROMOTE STABLE DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, INCLUDING CONTINUED IMPROVED OBSERVANCE OF FUNDAMENTAL HUMAN RIGHTS
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-- EMPHASIZE WITH DOMINICAN OFFICIALS AT ALL LEVELS, ESPECIALLY WITH MILITARY LEADERS, U.S. SUPPORT FOR OBSERVANCE OF CONSTITUTIONAL PROCESSES IN SELECTION OF THE COUNTRY'S GOVERNMENT LEADERSHIP, IN REGULATING POLITICAL ACTIVITY AND IN JUDICIAL MATTERS.

-- MAINTAIN A U.S. POSTURE OF NEUTRALITY IN THE FORTH-COMING ELECTORAL CAMPAIGN, EMPHASIZING THAT IT IS UP TO THE DOMINICAN PEOPLE TO DETERMINE THEIR LEADERSHIP AND THAT THE U.S. WILL RESPECT THEIR FREE CHOICE.

-- MAINTAIN A CONTINUING DIALOGUE WITH DOMINICAN LEADERS AND OTHER INFLUENTIAL PERSONALITIES TO EMPHASIZE U.S. CONCERN FOR (A) RESPECT FOR FUNDAMENTAL HUMAN RIGHTS AND CIVIL LIBERTIES, AND (B) A CONTINUED IMPROVED HUMAN RIGHTS RECORD IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC SPECIFICALLY.

-- MAINTAIN CLOSE AND FRIENDLY EMBASSY CONTACTS WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF ALL IMPORTANT POLITICAL GROUPINGS AND LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS ADVOCATES.

-- ENCOURAGE, IN CONTACTS WITH PRESIDENT BALAGUER, FURTHER STRENGTHENING OF DOMINICAN POLITICAL INSTITUTIONS.

B. PROMOTE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

-- THROUGH APPROPRIATE MIX OF U.S. ASSISTANCE, SEEK TO MAXIMIZE THE EFFECT OF U.S. AID ON DOMINICAN ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT.

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-- ENCOURAGE CLOSE DOMINICAN COOPERATION AND SUPPORT IN THE NEGOTIATIONS FOR A NEW INTERNATIONAL SUGAR AGREEMENT.

-- ENCOURAGE THE DOMINICAN GOVERNMENT TO MAKE GREATER USE OF IMF DRAWINGS IN DEALING WITH ITS BALANCE OF PAYMENTS PROBLEMS.

C. ENCOURAGE THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC TO PLAY AN ACTIVE AND CONSTRUCTIVE ROLE IN CARIBBEAN, HEMISPHERIC, AND INTERNATIONAL ISSUES

-- KEEP BALAGUER INFORMED OF DEVELOPMENTS IN THE CARIBBEAN BASIN AND ELSEWHERE AND ENCOURAGE HIS COOPERATION ON IMPORTANT REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL ISSUES.

-- ENCOURAGE BALAGUER TO PLAY AN ACTIVE ROLE IN THE EFFORT TO DEVISE NEW WAYS TO TACKLE THE CARIBBEAN'S ECONOMIC PROBLEMS.

-- ENCOURAGE DOMINICAN/HAITIAN CONSULTATIONS AND

COLLABORATION.

D. REDUCE ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION OF DOMINICANS TO THE U.S.

-- IMPRESS ON DOMINICAN OFFICIALS THAT ILLEGAL
IMMIGRATION IS A MATTER OF MAJOR U.S. CONCERN.

-- WORK TO DIMINISH THE FLOW OF ILLEGAL MIGRANTS
THROUGH ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS IN SUCH FIELDS AS POPULATION,
LABOR AND FOOD SUPPLY, THROUGH PROMOTING MORE JOB
OPPORTUNITIES IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, AS WELL AS
THROUGH SCREENING AND ENFORCEMENT.

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